

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Concepcion Cortes , I am a Resident from Hartford

I stand in support of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. Expanding access to HUSKY up to age 18 regardless of immigration status is an important step in ensuring our immigrant community has access to the healthcare we need. But our work doesn't end with expanding access up to age 18; we need to open access to HUSKY and healthcare to all immigrants of any age, including parents and adults.

Husky for immigrants matter because in order to achieve our best, we need to be physically healthy.

Lack of access to health care due to lack of insurance has led to significant comorbidities which could not be addressed. This led to significant decrease in quality of life, ability to improve healthwise, and poor socioeconomic status

Improved health outcomes equals improved social and economic well being. This leads to higher personal productivity and quality of life.

I support S.B. 284 and I ask the committee to support and pass this legislation. Looking forward, I ask the committee to work towards opening access to all immigrants regardless of age.

Thank you for your time,

Concepcion Cortes